

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Orally Active androgens are derivative of  $7\alpha$ -methyl-19-nortestosterone. The compounds satisfy formula (I) wherein R<sub>1</sub> is O, (H,H), (H,OR), NOR, with R being hydrogen, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, or (C<sub>1-6</sub>)acyl; R<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of (C<sub>2-3</sub>)alkyl, isopropyl, (C<sub>2-3</sub>)1-alkenyl, isopropenyl, 1,2-proandienyl, or (C<sub>2-3</sub>)1-allynyl, each optionally substituted by halogen; or R<sub>2</sub> is cyclopropyl, or cyclopropenyl, each optionally substituted by (C<sub>1-2</sub>)alkyl, or halogen; R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen, (C<sub>1-2</sub>)alkyl, or ethenyl; R<sub>4</sub> is (C<sub>1-2</sub>)alkyl; R<sub>5</sub> is hydrogen, or (C<sub>1-15</sub>)acyl; and the dotted lines indicate optional bonds.

(I)

